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(II) Claims 2 and 3, identified in the Action as being directed to a method for producing an electrolyte, classified in class 29, subclass 623.1.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1 and 4 to 19 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

An election of species of a specific magnesium salt is also required.

Applicants elect an imide salt, specifically magnesium bistrifluoromethanesulfonimide, as the species. This election is also made without traverse. Claims 1, 4 to 16 and 19 read on the elected species.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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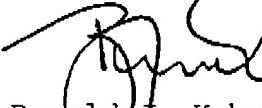
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In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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